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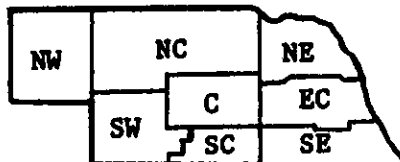
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## WEATHER

The week was warm and dry; however, cold air rushed down across the State on the last day and triggered some thunderstorms in the east. Average temperatures ranged from five to eight degrees above normal. Rainfall during the last few hours of the week produced up to a half inch in the southeast.

## GENERAL

Another week of excellent weather allowed the progress of row crop harvesting to move ahead of normal, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. In the West, harvest of the dry edible bean crop and forage crops was winding down, while sugar beet harvest was still active. Some operators were disking stalks, while others were moving cattle into their harvested fields. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.7.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 74% short and 26% adequate. Subsoil moisture rated 83% short and 17% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 30% short and 70% adequate, while subsoil moisture was 73% short and 27% adequate.

## CROPS

Corn harvest progressed well, to 40% complete, compared with 60% in 1988 and 36% average. Some lodged corn was reported in the Central counties from high winds

## CROPS (Cont.)

last month. Some light corn was harvested in the West due to last month's frost. Harvesting was most advanced in eastern areas.

Sorghum harvest climbed to 45% complete, compared with 75% last year and 42% average. Some green heads were still slowing harvest in some southern counties.

Soybeans harvested jumped ahead to 70% complete, compared with 80% last year and 52% average. This was about ten days ahead of the 5-year average.

Winter wheat condition was 2% poor, 33% fair, 47% good and 18% excellent. About 99% of the crop has emerged, ahead of last year's 92% and the average of 91%. In the Panhandle, replanted wheat has also emerged. Although wheat received a boost from earlier moisture, many areas were drying out and in need of rain for the crop to develop normally.

## LIVESTOCK

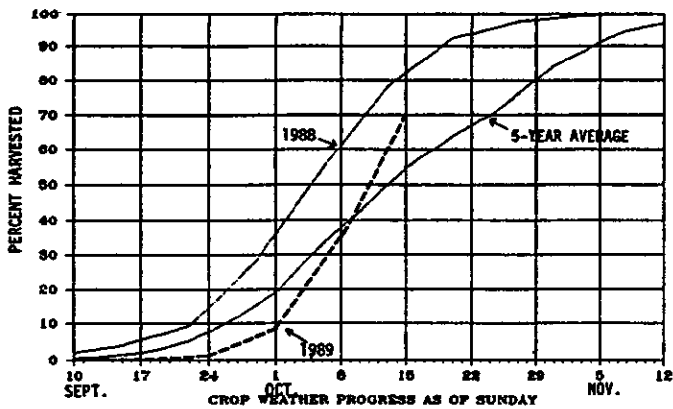
Pasture and range feed supplies rated 14% very short, 58% short and 28% adequate. Hay and roughage supplies rated 6% very short, 62% short and 32% adequate. Many cattle were being moved into harvested fields to feed on crop residue. In the West, most cattle were still on pastures, with some making excellent weight gains. Calves were being worked and sold in many areas.

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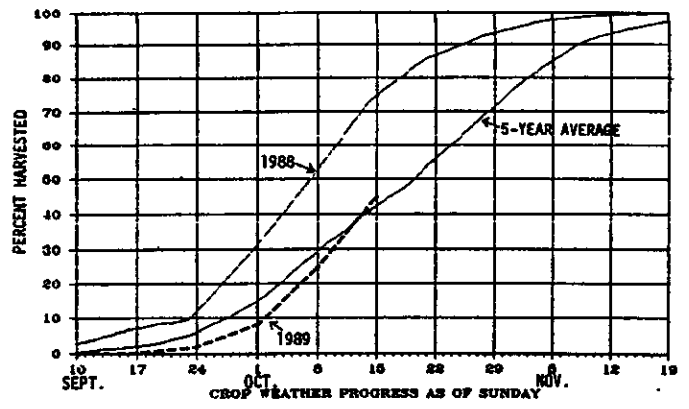
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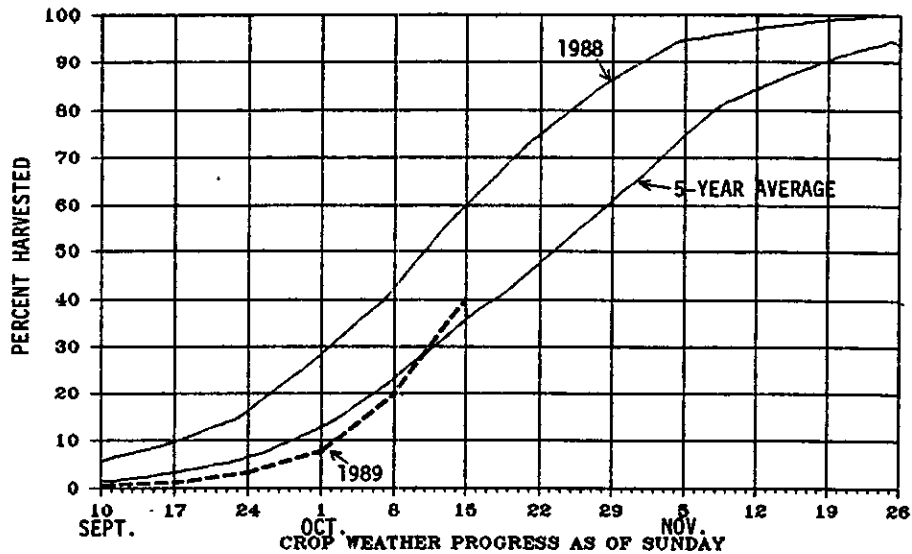
# NEBRASKA -- SOYBEANS HARVESTED



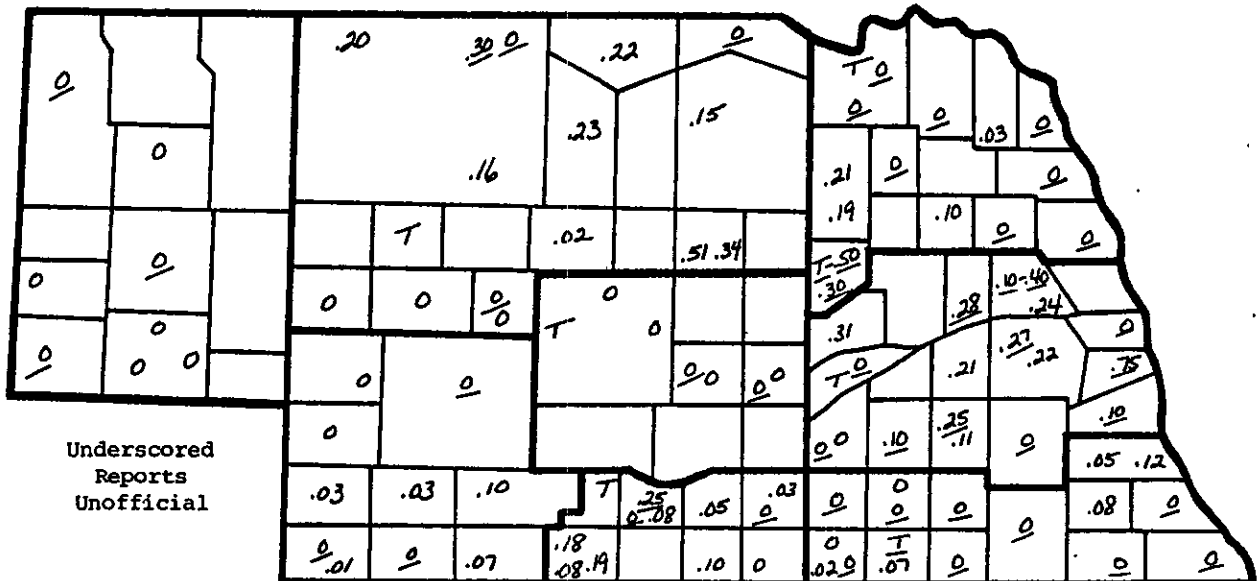
# NEBRASKA -- SORGHUM HARVESTED



# NEBRASKA -- CORN HARVESTED



# PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1989



# TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1989

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	83	33	57	--	0
Scottsbluff	86	31	59	+7	.07
Sidney	85	34	58	--	0
NC Ord	91	31	60	--	0
Valentine	84	32	60	+8	.03
NE Norfolk	88	34	60	+6	T
Sioux City	85	35	60	+5	0
CEN Grand Island	90	35	61	+6	0
EC Lincoln	89	35	62	+6	.45
Omaha	85	39	63	+7	.52
SW Imperial	89	36	61	--	0
North Platte	91	31	58	+6	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.